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Department of Agriculture environmental analysts Jenifer Yeadon and David Lamoureux set up equipment used to inject dye into effluent at the Mystic wastewater treatment plant that will help determine if oysters can be safely harvested from the adjacent Mystic River.

STUDY WILL ASSESS SAFETY OF HARVESTING SHELLFISH NEAR MYSTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The risk that a wastewater-treatment plant poses to the health of shellfish in the Mystic River and the people that may eat them is the subject of a study being conducted this week by the Department of Agriculture and other partners.

The study – which is tracking the flow and dispersion of wastewater discharging into the river and Long Island Sound from the Stonington-Mystic Water Pollution Control Facility – will help scientists determine where shellfish may be safely harvested in the river.

Members of the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative have expressed interest in directly harvesting oysters from the river about a mile downstream of the plant.

That portion of the river has historically been used as an oyster grow-out area for the Cooperative, from which oysters are grown and then relocated to offshore waters for natural cleansing over a period of 2 weeks to 6 months prior to harvest for market.

Direct harvesting without the need for relay to a cleansing area is currently allowed beyond the mouth of the river in Groton and Stonington offshore areas.

The goal of the study is continued expansion of existing aquaculture businesses and potential additional cultivation in the river while ensuring the protection of public health.

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BEAVER BROOK FARM IN LYME LATEST TO BE PRESERVED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

A 163-acre sheep farm in Lyme that produces wool, meat and cheese is the latest to be permanently dedicated for agricultural production under the Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program.

Beaver Brook Farm, (right) owned by Stanley and Suzanne Sankow, contains approximately 72 acres of prime and statewide important farmland soils.

It has been in agricultural production since 1917, when it was bought by Stanley Sankow's grandfather, and for many years was a cow dairy farm.

Stanley and Suzanne Sankow took over the operation in 1984 and converted it to a sheep farm, producing dairy and meat as well as wool products such as blankets and sweaters.

The farm is one of 24 licensed cheese manufacturers in Connecticut, and has won awards at the New England Regional Cheese Competition.

The Sankows, who raise more than 500 sheep and a small number of dairy cows, supply cheese to restaurants and grocery stores throughout Connecticut.

They also sell directly from an on-site farm store and at a variety of farm markets in shoreline towns from New London to Fairfield County, as well as some inland communities.

"Beaver Brook Farm is an agricultural institution in Southern Connecticut that has also become a popular destination for



customers and tourists," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "Preserving it for future generations of farmers to work ensures that it will be available to continue producing a diverse array of high-quality Connecticut Grown food and fiber products and contribute to our agricultural economy."

The farm is on the southern side of Beaver Brook Road, and is bordered by Nehantic State Forest to the south.

More than 300 farms totaling over 40,000 acres have been protected under the Farmland Preservation Program, with several more expected to be finalized this year.

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	105.00	111.00
boners 80-85% lean	102.00	110.50
lean 88-90% lean	97.00	110.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	470.00	510.00
No 1 102-112 lbs	545.00	565.00
No 1 94-100 lbs	580.00	595.00
No 1 80-92 lbs	600.00	635.00
No 2 112-128 lbs	470.00	500.00
No 2 98-110 lbs	530.00	547.00
No 2 88-96 lbs	560.00	595.00
No 2 80-86 lbs	685.00	685.00
No 3 110-130 lbs	495.00	520.00
No 3 90-98 lbs	540.00	567.00
No 3 72-78 lbs	630.00	660.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	162.00	166.50
Ch2-3	157.50	162.50
Sel1-3	150.00	160.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	147.00	149.00
Ch2-3	139.00	147.00
Sel1-2	130.00	141.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	161.00	164.50
Ch2-3	156.00	160.00
Sel1-2	151.00	155.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
60-80 lbs	224.00	237.00
80-110 lbs	215.00	227.00
110-200 lbs	182.00	212.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: 2-3		
70-90 lbs	84.00	84.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	130.00	130.00
200-300 lbs	55.00	92.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-50 lbs	137.00	155.00
50-60 lbs	145.00	185.00
60-80 lbs	215.00	221.27
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	220.00	255.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	265.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	270.00	300.00
150-250 lbs	310.00	355.00

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2 10-20 lb	250.00	350.00
20-30 lb	175.00	275.00
30-40 lb	150.00	180.00
40-50 lb	130.00	130.00

ORNAMENTALS/HERBS**USDA-AMS/RETAIL**

GLADS, NATIONAL, 5 PER BUNCH	2.99
MUM, POTTED PLT, NATIONAL	7.18
ROSE, HYBRID TEA, NE, 1 DOZ	9.87
TULIPS, NE, 10/BUNCH	5.99
CILANTRO, NE, PER BUNCH	.88

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LB	14.00	14.00
APPLES, MAC, 120, US#1	17.00	17.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12OZ	12.00	15.00
CHIVES, 1LB	8.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE 4-1 GAL	21.00	21.00
BEETS, 25 LB, LOOSE	9.00	9.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12/CS	15.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1LB	24.00	26.00
RUTABAGAS, 50LBS	16.00	16.00
TOMATOES, 12LB, GRHSE, VR	25.00	25.00
TOMS, CHRY, GHSE, ONVINE, 5LB	12.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, NJ, BNCHED, 28LB	40.00	44.00
BASIL, FL, BU, 15	24.00	25.00
CANTALOPES, FL, 9	12.00	12.00
CHERRIES, CA, 16LB/10-1/2ROW	64.00	68.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12	13.00	15.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1-1/3 BU, 18	22.00	28.00
KALE, NJ, BU, 24	14.00	15.00
MACHE, PA, GRHSE, 3LB	12.00	12.00
PEACHES, GA, 42	23.00	23.00
PEPPERS, GHSE, NETH, 11LB	28.00	28.00
RADISHES, NJ, 24	15.00	18.00
RHUBARB, OR, 20LB	42.00	42.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, NJ, 1-1/3 B, 24	23.00	24.00
SQUASH, GREEN, GA, 1/2BU	8.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, TX, 12/CTN	16.00	18.00
WATERMELON, RND, RED, FL, 4	34.00	34.00

CONNECTICUT GROWN PLANTS

FLAT, FLOWERS	7.75	8.00
FLAT, VEGETABLES	7.75	8.00
4" IMPATIENS, NEW GUINEA	1.60	2.10
4" HERB, EA	2.00	2.20
4.5" GERANIUM	1.70	2.10
6" GERANIUM	3.50	4.25
10" HANGING BASKET	8.75	9.00
12" PATIO PLANTER	10.90	12.00
8" SUMMER ANNUAL	4.50	5.00
TOMATO, 2 GALLON	5.00	5.40

NEW ENGLAND/NY CUT FLOWERS

ANEMONE, NY, 10	16.00	16.00
CALLA, LONG, NE, 5	15.00	15.00
FOXGLOVE, NE, BUNCH	12.00	12.00
GARDENIA, NE, 3	15.00	15.00
GOMPHRENA, NE, BUNCH	7.50	7.50
LILAC, NE, EXLONG, BUNCH	25.00	25.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT., May 18, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	60.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	330.00	340.00
76-90 lbs.	435.00	440.00
91-105 lbs.	450.00	460.00
106 lbs. & up	465.00	470.00
Farm Calves	480.00	490.00
Starter Calves	70.00	100.00
Veal Calves	130.00	225.00
Open Heifers	120.00	190.00
Beef Heifers	125.00	140.00
Feeder Steers	125.00	170.00
Beef Steers	145.00	162.50
Stock Bulls	155.00	195.00
Beef Bulls	141.00	190.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	45.00
Butcher Hogs	75.00	95.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Sheep	105.00	215.00
Lambs	50.00	200.00
Goats each	120.00	300.00
Kid Goats	60.00	200.00
Canners	up to	113.00
Cutters	114.00	117.00
Utility Grade Cows	118.00	121.00
Rabbits each	9.00	22.50
Chickens each	6.00	23.00
Ducks each	5.00	37.50

Auction open Memorial Day, May 25

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.48	1.68
LARGE	1.42	1.56
MEDIUM	1.19	1.32

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.98	2.16
LARGE	1.92	2.10
MEDIUM	1.51	1.71

**NEW HOLLAND, PA.
HOG AUCTION**

52-56	200-300 lbs	61.00	67.00
	300-350 lbs	58.00	63.00
	350-400 lbs	53.00	57.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	54.00	60.00
	300-350 lbs	52.00	56.00
	350-400 lbs	43.00	45.00
Sows, US1-3			
	350-450 lbs	21.00	26.00
	500-650 lbs	26.50	27.00
Boars	500-600 lbs	11.00	12.00

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- Pollinators: The Value of Their Contribution to Farming in CT Tues., May 26, 7:30-8 p.m., Knowlton Memorial Hall, Ashford.
- Legal Considerations of Employing People on Your Farm Thurs., May 28, 6-8 p.m., Southbury Town Hall.

Sponsored by CT Farm Bureau, UConn Cooperative Extension System, CT Department of Agriculture, and the Risk Management Agency/USDA. More information is available at www.cfba.org.

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The study is being conducted by scientists and engineers from the state agriculture department's Bureau of Aquaculture; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's New England Regional Laboratory, and staff from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Shellfish Sanitation Program.

The dye, called Rhodamine WT, was released from the Mystic WPCF beginning the morning of May 19, and will continue for 12 hours.

As a result, portions of the Mystic River and Mystic Harbor visible from the shores of Groton and Stonington may turn reddish in color for a brief time. The dye poses no risk to the river, fish, animals or people.

Submersible devices called fluorometers will be placed at a minimum of six shellfish cage locations in the area to continuously measure concentrations of dye throughout the study.

The treatment plant has recently undergone a major upgrade in how it treats effluent, switching from a chlorine-based system to one that employs disinfection through ultra-violet radiation and a biomagnetic water-clarifier system.

Ultraviolet disinfection has proven to be an effective treatment against bacteria and viruses contained in sewage, and does not require the introduction of chemicals into the waters of Long Island Sound.

Due to the proximity of the potential growing area to the treatment plant, a complete sanitary evaluation of the potential growing area is required by the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference's National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance adopted by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for interstate shipment of shellfish.

In addition, in order to allow the direct harvest of shellfish from the area, the shellfish authority must document that levels of microbial indicators in the shellfish are suitable for raw consumption.

The dye study also aims to identify the levels of viral and bacterial loading in the water surrounding the treatment plant and in the effluent being discharged.

The goal is to adequately protect public health while attempting to allow harvesting in the lower portion of the river from November through March.

Tracking of the dye "plume" will be conducted for two to three days after each injection to determine the extent of the dye's travel and to determine the overall dilution of wastewater effluent.

Shellfish deployed in the area for a minimum of two weeks will be collected at the end of the study and analyzed for pathogens such as fecal coliform and adenovirus.

CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

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Above: A white buoy seen at far right marks the place a pipe discharges effluent into the Mystic River from the nearby wastewater treatment facility in Mystic. The Noank Shellfish Cooperative is seeking to harvest shellfish from an area about a mile downstream.



Center and left: Buildings on the Beaver Brook Farm property in Lyme include a 9,000 square-foot barn; a 2,400-square-foot barn used as a wool shop; another 2,400 square-foot barn that houses the farm store; an 1,100-square-foot dairy/sheep barn and a 1,100-square-foot garage. Other structures include a chicken coop, a hoop house and four metal grain silos.

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